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## **REMARKS**

The above amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 20, 2001. No new matter is introduced and it is respectfully requested that the application be examined on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend pages 6, 9-11, 28 and 31-33 as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 26, through page 6, line 12 as follows:

Using the single-letter code for amino acids, the sequence of Phl p 5b is as follows:

ADAGYAHATPAAAGAAAGKATTEEQKLIEDINVGFKAAVAAAASVPAADK									
1 .	10	20	30	40	50				
FKTFEAAFTSSSKAAAAKAPGLVPKLDAAYSVAYKAAVGATPEAKFDSFV									
51	60	70	80	90	100				
ASLTEALRVIAGALEVHAVKPVTEEPGMAKIPAGELQIIDKIDAAFKVAA									
101	110	120	130 1	40	150				
TAAATAPADDKFTVFEAAFNKAIKESTGGAYDTYKCIPSLEAAVKQAYAA									
151	160	170	180	190	200				
TVAAAPQVKYAVFEAALTKAITAMSEVQKVSQPATGAATVAAGAATTAAG									
201	210	220	230	240	250				
AASGAATVAAGGYKV (SEQ ID NO 87)									
251	250 255	-							

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 1-9 as follows:

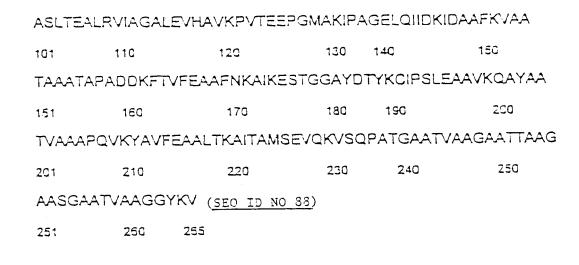
In this context, PM1 denotes point mutation 1 and has the following sequence (the amino acids which are replaced as compared with Ph1 p 5b are printed in bold):

ADAGYAPATPAAAGAAAGKATTEECKLIEDIDVGFKAAVAAAASVPAALA

1 10 20 30 40 50

FKTFEAAFTSSSKAAAAKAPGLVPKLDAAYSVAYKAAVGATPEAKFDSFV

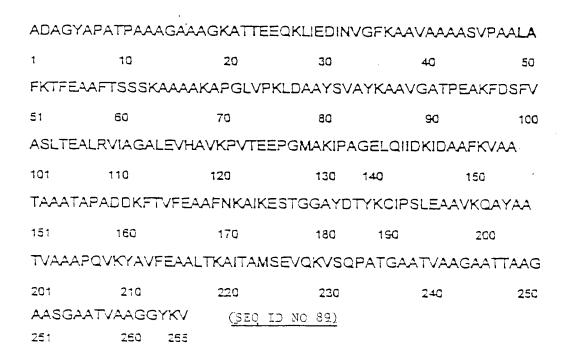
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Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 9, line 10 through page 10, line 16 as follows:

The other particularly preferred peptides have the following sequences:

PM2 (D<sup>49</sup> 
$$\rightarrow$$
 L, K<sup>50</sup>  $\rightarrow$  A):



 $PM3 (A^{13} \rightarrow C):$ 

ADA	GYAPATPAAC	GAAAGKATT	EEGKLIEDIN	/GFKAAVAAA	ASVPAADK
1	10	20	30	40	50
FKTF	EAAFTSSSKA	AAAKAPGLV	PKLDAAYSV	AYKAAVGATF	PEAKFDSFV
51	60	70	80	90	100
ASLT	EALRVIAGAL	EVHAVKPVT	EEPGMAKIPA	GELQIIDKIDA	WFKVAA
101	110	120	130	140	150
TAAA	ATAPADDKFTV	/FEAAFNKAI	KESTGGAYD <sup>1</sup>	TYKCIPSLEA/	AVKQAYAA
151	160	170	180	190	200
TVA	YAPQVKYAVF	EAALTKAITA	MSEVQKVSQ	PATGAATVAA	AGAATTAAG
201	210	220	230	240	250
AAS	GAATVAAGGY	KV (SEQ ID	NO 90)		
251	250	255			
DM1 (:	$\Delta K^{50} \rightarrow P^{\Delta13}$	$^{2}$ , $D^{49} \rightarrow L$	1 .		
	7 V → E	, u <del></del> -	1:		
ADAG	SYAPATPAAAG	BAAAGKATTE	EQKLIEDINV	GFKAAVAAAA	SVPAALA
1	10	20	30	40	50
GELC	MIDKIDAAFKVA	ATAAATAPA	ODKFTVFEA	AFNKAIKESTO	GAYDTYK
51	60	70	80	90	100
CIPS	_EAAVKQAYAA	ATVAAAPQVI	CYAVFEAALTI	KAITAMSEVO	KVSOPATG
103	110	.120	130	140	150
	'AAGAATTAAG				150
				LO ID NO 91)	
154	160	170	180		
-v -	$^{\prime}\Delta$ F <sup>31</sup> - G <sup>17</sup>	3 _49	2.50 _ 2\.		
		, , ,	2. 2.7		
ADAG	GYAPATPAAA	GAAAGKATTI	EEQKLIEDINV	GFKAAVAAA	ASVPAAL <b>A</b>
7	10	20	30	40	5C
GAYI	DTYKCIPSLEA.	ΑΛΚΟΦΑΦΦΕ	VAAABOVKY.	AVEEAALTKA	
51					
	60 5.4.5.0.4.5.4.4.4	70	80	90	100
VSQF	PATGAATVAAC	GAATTAAGA	ASGAATVAAC	GYKV (SEC	TD NO 85)
102	110	120	130 4	37	

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 2 through lines 12 as follows:

This sequence corresponds to that of DM2 where, however, the amino acids of positions 179-217 of the starting peptide Ph1 p 5b additionally exhibit an altered sequence and all the subsequent amino acids are missing.

DM3 (
$$\Delta$$
 A<sup>154</sup> - T<sup>177</sup>, A<sup>220</sup>  $\rightarrow$  T):

ADAGYAPATPAAAGAAAGKATTEEQKLIEDINVGFKAAVAAAASVPAADK

1 10 20 30 40 50

FKTFEAAFTSSSKAAAAKAPGLVPKLDAAYSVAYKAAVGATPEAKFDSFV

51 60 70 80 90 100

ASLTEALRVIAGALEVHAVKPVTEEPGMAKIPAGELQIIDKIDAAFKVAA

101 110 120 130 140 150

TAAGGAYDTYKCIPSLEAAVKQAYAATVAAAPQVKYAVFEAALTKTITAMS

151 160 170 180 190 200

EVQKVSQPATGAATVAAGAATTAAGAASGAATVAAGGYKV (SEQ ID NO 93)

Please amend the paragraph on page 28, lines 3 through lines 48 as follows:

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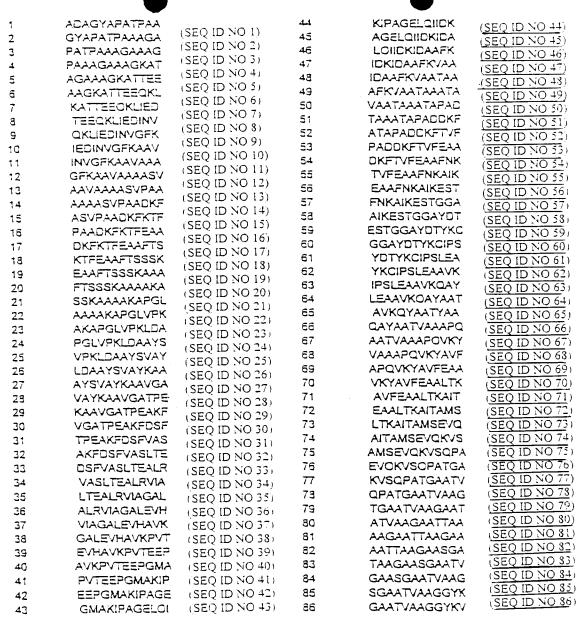
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Tab. 1: Dodecapeptides which are based n the Ph1 p 5b sequence and which are used for determining the T cell-reactive regions



Please amend the paragraph on page 31, lines 35 through page 32, lines 7 as follows:

## Fragment 1:

Ph1 p 5b sense:

5'-ATATGGATCCATCGAGGGAAGGGCCGATGCCGGCTACGCC-3' (SEQ ID NO 94)

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MP1 antisense:

5'-GAACGCTAGGGCGGGAGGGACGCTGGC-3' (SEQ ID NO 95)

Fragmant 2:

MP1 sense:

5'-GCGCTAGCGTTCAAGACCTTCGAG-3' (SEQ ID NO 96)

Ph1 p 5b antisense:

5'-ATATAAGCTTTCCTCTGAAGGGAAGGCAACCC-3' (SEQ ID NO 97)
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Please amend the paragraph on page 32, lines 30-38 as follows:

The point mutant rPh1 p 5b PM1 was prepared in analogy with PM2. It contains, as the result of a PCR error, an additional point mutation:  $N^{32} \rightarrow D$ .

In order to clone this point mutant, the entire cDNA for rPh1 p 5b in vector pGS13 was amplified in a PCR using the following primers.

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